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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 974

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, ASEC, MX

SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 49: ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO FORMER AMB.

MCBRIDE EVENING OF MARCH 31

1. ONE DEVELOPMENT EVENING OF MARCH 31 WAS BROUGHT TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION ONLY AT MID-DAY APRIL 1. FORMER AMBASSADOR ROBERT H. MCBRIDE, NOW RETIRED AND VISITING MEXICO CITY AS PRIVATE CITIZEN, RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL AT RESIDENCE OF MEXICAN FRIENDS WHERE HE WAS DINING. (MCBRIDE'S PRESENCE HERE HAD BEEN MENTIONED ONLY IN SQUIBS IN A FEW PAPERS. CALLER HAD SOMEMOW DISCOVERED THAT MCBRIDE WAS STAYING WITH US-CITIZEN FRIENDS AND CALLED THERE FIRST, THUS LEARNING THAT MCBRIDE WAS AT HOME OF MEXICAN FRIENDS FOR THE EVENING.)

2. CALLER SAID THAT HE KNEW MCBRIDE TO BE A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF MEXICO AND WANTED TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH HIM TO TALK ABOUT PATTERSON KIDNAPPING. MCBRIDE POINTED OUT TO CALLER THAT HE WAS NO LONGER ACCREDITED TO MEXICO AND RECOMMENDED CALLER ADDRESS HIMSELF TO AMB. JOVA. AT THIS POINT CALLER LOST INTEREST AND HUNG UP. MCBRIDE CONCLUDED CALL WAS A HOAX AND WAS WARY OF ESTABLISHING ANY CONTACT.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNABLE TO EVALUATE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CALL. IT COULD, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN A RUSE TO LURE MCBRIDE HIMSELF INTO KIDNAPPING. IF IT WAS IN FACT AN ATTEMPT BY PATTERSON'S KIDNAPPER TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH

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USG, IT WOULD REPRESENT FIRST SUCH ATTEMPT TO DO SO SINCE

NOTE WAS LEFT AT CONSULATE GENERAL IN HERMOSILLO IN MARCH 22.
FOREGOING IS BEING PASSED GOM INVESTIGATORS HERMOSILLO THROUGH
LEGATT.
JOVA

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